

NEWS RELEASE Contact: Nick Wolda

nwolda@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov

## **Woodlands Landscaping Solutions spotlights water-wise methods**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 19, 2014) – Woodlands Landscaping Solutions, a free garden event, spotlights outdoor water conservation with booths, demonstrations and a plant sale on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 9 a.m. to noon at 8203 Millennium Forest Drive in The Woodlands.

An annual offering of The Woodlands Township, this year's water-wise event focuses on methods that reduce water use while maintaining appeal in the landscape.

According to Montgomery County Master Gardeners, resilient landscapes begin with healthy soil, and ongoing composting demonstrations will reveal the secret to achieving healthy soil and the role that mulch plays in conserving water. Gardening experts will share tips for delivering water to parched landscapes with the basics of drip irrigation and small-scale rain water harvesting.

At the Master Gardener Plant Clinic, "the doctor is in." Sickly and pest-damaged plants should be brought in a plastic baggie to receive a free diagnosis and prescription for treatment.

Gaining in popularity for charm and ease of care, habitat gardens tap into nature by enticing hummingbirds, butterflies and songbirds. This event gives residents the opportunity to learn the essentials from the Texas Bluebird Society, Butterfly Enthusiasts of Southeast Texas and Wild Birds Unlimited.

The plant sale will feature water-thrifty perennials, vines, shrubs and understory trees from Nature's Way Resources. Chris Wiesinger, the "Bulb Hunter" will offer heirloom bulbs for southern gardens. Proceeds from Veggie Village's sale of culinary herbs and vegetable plants will benefit Interfaith Food Pantry's Donation Garden.

Woodlands Landscaping Solutions is hosted at 8203 Millennium Forest Drive, just off Research Forest Drive, on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 9 a.m. to noon. Free to the public, the outdoor event is a program of The Woodlands Township, sponsored by Montgomery County Master Gardener Association, Waste Management, The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N., Nature's Way Resources and Hilton Garden Inn. For information, call 281-210-3800 or visit <a href="https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/gardeningevents">www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/gardeningevents</a>.





**Photo:** Native and well-adapted plants grow with the flow, handling the rainfall and temperature extremes of Southeast Texas. Find the plants and learn water-wise methods at the free gardening event, Woodlands Landscaping Solutions on Saturday, September 27, 2014, 9 a.m. to noon, at 8203 Millennium Forest Drive in The Woodlands, 77381.